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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 21T015812WO7	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/IT00/00380	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 30/09/1999	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C03C13/00			
Applicant TECHINT COMPAGNIA TECNICA INTERNAZIONALE S.P.A.			
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 9 sheets.</p>			
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II    <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III    <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</li> <li>IV    <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI    <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII    <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII    <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>			

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IT00/00380

**I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

**Description, pages:**

2-14	as originally filed		
1,1bis	as received on	29/10/2001 with letter of	26/10/2001

**Claims, No.:**

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description,      pages:
- the claims,      Nos.:
- the drawings,      sheets:

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5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c));

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)                  Yes: Claims 1-15  
                                No: Claims

Inventive step (IS)           Yes: Claims 1-15  
                                No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA)   Yes: Claims 1-15  
                                No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
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**Re Item V**

**Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D2: WO-A-98 43923
- D3: EP-A-0 588 251
- D4: Glästechnische Berichte , DE, Verlag der Deutschen Glästechnischen Gesellschaft. Frankfurt (1991), 64(1), 16-28
- D5: FR-A-2 781 788

Although all of D2 - D5 disclose biodegradable glass fibre compositions comprising SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, MgO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>O and B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, none of D2 - D5 teaches or fairly suggests the specific ranges for these oxides as claimed in claims 1 - 15 of the present application. The subject-matter of these claims is therefore considered new.

The compositions according to claims 1 - 15 solve the problem of providing glass fibre compositions with a good biosolubility and having good chemical, physical and mechanical properties (good humidity resistance, good workability, good heat and sound insulation properties, good elasticity and reduced brittleness) as well. This solution (the claimed compositional ranges) was not obvious having regard to the cited prior art documents. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1 - 15 is considered inventive.

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A GLASS FIBER COMPOSITION

Description

5 The present invention relates to a glass fiber composition. In particular, the present invention relates to a biologically-degradable or bio-soluble glass fiber composition, adapted for production of panels and felts of glass wool. These goods are commonly used in the civil  
10 and industrial field in the form of heat insulators and/or sound-proofing materials.

Presently known are many glass fiber compositions showing some biological degradability or bio-solubility  
15 (solubility of a glass fiber in contact with a biological liquid). It is in fact to be recognized that the biological degradability in glass fibers was in the past and has been till now the object of many studies because a relation seems to exist between this biological  
20 degradability and the cancerogenous properties that the glass fiber may show if it is introduced into or absorbed by a human or animal body.

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In particular, it has been recently ascertained that a  
25 higher bio-solubility can reduce the cancerogenous effects of the glass fibers increasing the capability of the human or animal body to get rid of the possibly-absorbed fibers.

30 In addition to bio-solubility, the glass fiber compositions of industrial concern must at all events also have an appropriate behaviour with reference to properties of physical, chemical and mechanical nature, such as for example: mechanical strength, elasticity,  
35 resistance to thermal fronts and chemical and atmospheric agents, workability, flexibility, fineness,

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It is known from EP 1048625 a biosoluble fiber glass composition wherein  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is present in a range varying from 1 to 3% in weight,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  is present in range varying from 0 to 3% in weight and at the same time  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  and  $\text{SO}_3$  5 are not present. More in detail, in this prior art document, a reference composition named "C1" shows alumina at a 1.95% wt, potassium oxide at a 0.43% wt and sulphur oxide at a 0.32% wt; another composition retrievable in EP 1048625 (and named "C6") shows alumina 10 at a 1.85% wt, potassium oxide at a 0.47% wt and no sulphur oxide.

Also known from WO 9843923 are some glass fiber compositions wherein silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) is present in a range from 66 to 69.7 mol percent,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ranges from 0 to 2.2 15 mol percent, alkali metal oxides range from 7 to 18 mol percent, alkaline earth metal oxides range from 9 to 20 mol percent and  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  ranges from 0 to 7.1 mol percent. Patent nr EP 0588251 shows fiber glass compositions wherein  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  is present in a range varying from 0 to 2 20 mol percent and many other oxides are present ( $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$  and  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ).

An extract from the publication "GLASTECHNISCHE BERICHTE, DE, VERLAG DER DEUTSCHEN GLASTECHNISCHEN GESELLSCHAFT" shows some fiber glass compositions, as well, each of 25 them being characterized by specific ranges relative to the various chemical species.

Finally, it is known from FR 2781788 a fiber glass composition wherein  $\text{SiO}_2$  ranges from 54 to 70 weight percent,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  ranges from 0 to 5 weight percent, 30 monovalent oxides range from 4 to 15 weight percent, bivalent oxides range from 12 to 22 weight percent,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$  ranges from 1 to 10 weight percent,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  ranges from 0 to 3 weight percent and some other chemical species are present in minor quantities.

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**MAIN REQUEST - CLAIMS**

1. A biologically-degradable or bio-soluble glass fiber composition, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
  - 5 - SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
  - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.8;
  - (CaO+MgO) : higher than 9;
  - (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O) : higher than 18;
  - 10 - B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 4 to 15;
  - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
  - SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
  - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;
  - Others: less than 2.
- 15 2. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
  - SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
  - 20 - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.8;
  - CaO: 6 to 9;
  - MgO: 0 to 5;
  - (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O) : higher than 18;
  - B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 4 to 15;
  - 25 - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
  - SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
  - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;
  - Others: less than 2.
- 30 3. The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:
  - SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
  - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.8;
  - 35 - (CaO+MgO) : higher than 9;
  - Na<sub>2</sub>O: higher than 17.5, lower than or equal



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to 23;

- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 2;
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 4 to 15;
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
- 5 - SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

4. The composition as claimed in anyone of the preceding  
10 claims, characterized in that it comprises the following  
components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.8;
- CaO: 6 to 9;
- 15 - MgO: 0 to 5;
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: higher than 17.5, lower than or equal  
to 23;
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 2;
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 4 to 15;
- 20 - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

25 5. The composition as claimed in claim 4, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.8;
- 30 - (CaO+MgO) : higher than 9;
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
- 35 - SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;

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- Others: less than 2.

6. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed  
5 in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;  
10 - K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;  
- (B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>+P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>): higher than 5;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;  
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;  
- Others: less than 2.

15 7. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
20 - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;  
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: higher than 5;  
25 - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to less than 0.1;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;  
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;  
- Others: less than 2.

30 8. The composition as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;  
35 - (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;

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- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: higher than 5.5;  
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to less than 0.1;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;  
5 - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;  
- Others: less than 2.

9. The composition as claimed in claim 6, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
10 in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;  
15 - K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: less than 5;  
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0.75 to 1.5;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;  
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;  
20 - Others: less than 2.

10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
in percent by weight:

25 - SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;  
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;  
30 - B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: less than 4.5;  
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0.75 to 1.5;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;  
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;  
- Others: less than 2.

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11. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized

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in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;
- 5 - (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
- 10 - SO<sub>3</sub>: 0.1 to 0.5;
- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 0.5;
- Others: less than 2.

12. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
15 in that it comprises the following components expressed in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.1 to 1.25;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- 20 - Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1;
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 0 to 5;
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0 to 1;
- 25 - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 0.05 to 0.2;
- Others: less than 2.

13. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
30 in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.6 to 1.8;
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;
- MgO: higher than 3;
- 35 - MgO: preferably higher than 3.50;
- Na<sub>2</sub>O: 17.50 to 18.50;

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- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1.5;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;  
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: less than 0.1;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: less than 0.35;  
5 - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: higher than zero;  
- Others: less than 2.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
10 in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.6 to 1.8;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O): higher than or equal to 18.5 and  
15 lower than or equal to 23;  
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1.5;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;  
- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: less than 0.1;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0.1 to 0.25;  
20 - Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: higher than 0;  
- Others: less than 2.

15. The composition as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
in that it comprises the following components expressed  
25 in percent by weight:

- SiO<sub>2</sub>: 61 to 66;  
- Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 1.6 to 1.8;  
- (CaO+MgO): higher than 9;  
- MgO: higher than 3;  
30 - MgO: preferably higher than 3.50;  
- (Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O): higher than or equal to 18.5 and  
lower than or equal to 23;  
- K<sub>2</sub>O: 0.6 to 1.5;  
- B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 5 to 15;  
35 - P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: less than 0.1;  
- SO<sub>3</sub>: 0.1 to 0.25;

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- Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: higher than 0;
- Others: less than 2.

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3.  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C03C13/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C03C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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